

**The next Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be on
September 16, 2004 in Conference Room B
at the
Powers Administration Building,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**

554th Meeting 1:00 p.m. September 16, 2004

- 1. Call to order.**
- 2. Appeals**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.**
- 4. Correspondence.**
- 5. Committee Reports**
- 6. Legislation**
- 7. Old Business.**
- 8. New Business.**
- 9. Adjourn**

New Appeals: None

553rd Meeting September 2, 2004

1. Mr. DeBlois, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. Appeal 04-21 100 Davisville Pier, Quonset Point, North Kingstown was heard and approved.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as amended. Mr. Wahlberg suggested that there be a change on appeal #04-20, Kent County Courthouse. He said that the appeal was approved with conditions and asked that the words “with conditions” be added. Mr. Brown motioned to approved Minutes with noted change and Mr. Wahlberg seconded motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

4. Correspondence:

a. Letter to Public Utilities Commission

Mr. DeDentro said on behalf of the Committee he will send a letter to the PUC acknowledging receipt of the 1992 and 1993 reports.

b. Application to request waiver

Mr. DeDentro said he has received a request for a waiver of building permit fees for a project at Fort Adams. He has told the applicant that he must forward this request to the Department of Administration’s Office of the Director.

There was discussion on the issue of waiving permit fees. Mr. Brown was concerned of the effect this would have on performing inspection services if fees are waived. These fees go directly into the General Fund. Mr. Preiss said that in the past we have not been able to do training for building officials and could not afford to purchase code books. He suggested these permit fees be used for training and books. Mr. Gagnon suggested that in some instances where contractors are having fees waived, possibly they could sponsor seminars for continuing education.

Mr. DeDentro said that there may possibly be another four more requests for permit fee waivers within the next year.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Mechanical Subcommittee

Mr. DeDentro said he has an approval report pending for duct coating. Mr. Turner said he will review this with the Mechanical Subcommittee and report back to the full Committee with a report. Mr. DeDentro said that this product has already been approved by the Fire Marshal.

b. Plumbing Subcommittee

Mr. DeDentro said there is a new pipe material pending on the Plumbing Subcommittee and Mr. Gemma will look into this.

c. Certification Subcommittee

Mr. DeDentro said he has a certification issue that needs clarification.

Someone who has been in the construction profession for a long time was appointed as a temporary building inspector. He apparently has not attended any continuing education classes. Now he has just been appointed in another community as a building inspector and wants recertification. For a mid-cycle appointment the amount of education for continuing education program is prorated. Mr. DeDentro asked the Certification Subcommittee to review and resolve this issue for future applicants.

6. Legislation:

a. Mr. DeDentro said that any legislation to be filed should be filed by October 16, 2004. He said the Article 1 subcommittee would have to meet if they intend to meet this deadline. Mr. Wahlberg said that we should get back to the national standards of the various sections of the code and remove the blue pages. Mr. DeDentro said there are some problems whereby agencies such as the Department of Labor and Training, affect the procedures on permit issuance and change the language without informing our Committee.

b. Sprinklers in Elevator Shafts and Machine Rooms

Mr. Wahlberg expressed his concern that the requirement for sprinklers in the elevator shafts are being waived by the fire marshal. Mr. Hawthorne, Cranston's Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal, was in attendance at this meeting and he said that NFPA 13 does not require shafts to be sprinklered. He explained the requirements of NFPA 13 and what happens during a fire. Mr. Brown said the authority rests with the Building Code Standards Board and the Fire Safety Code Board and the Elevator Board has no authority. Mr. DeDentro said this is an issue to bring up before the Rehab Code to resolve conflicts of the two codes. Mr. DeDentro said he will send a letter to the Rehab Board and ask that this be added to their agenda for their next meeting.

c. Legislation for Fee Waivers

Mr. Turner asked if the fee issue could be put into legislation enabling a certain percentage of fees that go into General Fund to be retained for training. Mr. DeDentro said it would be better handled if the legislation said that each community could retain a percentage of that fee. The Article 1 Subcommittee will get some things together to present to the Rehab Committee.

7. Old Business:

a. Special Inspections Seminar

Mr. DeDentro said he and Mr. Davey attended a seminar on Special Inspections at the Amica Conference Building. He said it was highly successful and educational and will help our local officials and design professionals. He has copies of the program available.

b. Building Code and Fire Code Coordination

There will be a meeting of the Fire Code and Building Code Coordination Committee next Wednesday and every Wednesday thereafter. State Building Inspector Mr. Laux and State Fire Marshal Mr. Blaschik from the State of Connecticut will meet here on September 22, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss Connecticut's coordination of the building and fire codes. All are welcome to attend.

c. LNG

Mr. DeDentro said we received copies of 1992 and 1993 reports from Mr. Lanni from PUC. Mr. Wahlberg said that the people who should be designing this is the US Army Core of Engineers. He said that there is a meeting tonight at the Attorney General's Office and a representative from Massachusetts is going to be there and will talk

about why the federal government is not more involved.

8. New Business:

a. Energy Conservation Code 2003 – Replacement Windows

Mr. DeDentro said the IECC 2003 language for new replacement windows has been amended. Replacement windows that replace all or part of existing windows have to comply with U values of windows.

Replacing a window which includes the frame and sash requires a window comply with the U value of the code. Sash for sash does not have to comply. The code requirements for permits does not apply to design pressure or debris impact for windows. Mr. DeDentro will prepare an interpretation and send to locals. All concurred.

9. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Gagnon, seconded by Mr. Turner. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary

Building Code Board of Appeals

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Staff Members Present: D. DeDentro, E. Gordon

Members Absent: B. Davey, J. Carlson, R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, A. Durand, P. DePace, J. Gaskell, W. Howe, F. Montanaro, M. Lowenstein, D. Newbrook, D. Palmisciano, J. Maloney, J. Pagliaro.

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Staff Members Absent: None

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